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Dream realized

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WAINFLEET — It took 12 years for Jericho House to come to fruition, but the faith of Brother Bill Carrothers, a Christian Brother, and Sister Jacquie Keefe, of the Pelican Sisters, never wavered during that time. See JERICO HOUSE | page 2

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Turning the tables on cancer

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The second Country Table Toppers Luncheon was held at the Italian Hall Sunday. Put on by, from left, Bonnie Jackson, Teresa Pizzo, and Cheryl James, the event was held to raise funds for the Ramona Pizzo-Bonnie Jackson Breast Screening Centre at Port Colborne hospital.

PORT COLBORNE — It was the "second serving" for Country Table Toppers Luncheon Sunday, an event held to raise funds for the Ramona Pizzo-Bonnie Jackson Breast Screening Centre at Port Colborne hospital.

The event, put on by Teresa Pizzo, Bonnie Jackson and Cheryl James, was held at the Italian Hall and 250 women attended.

"The one held last year was our 'first serving,'" Pizzo said.

Like last year's event, which raised \$5,500 for the breast screening centre, there were 18 themed tables set up inside the hall.

Pizzo, Jackson and James said each table had a centerpiece, revolving around the theme, to be won.

Some of the themed

tables included Sex and the City, which featured a place to stay in New York City; Amazing Race for the Cure had a kayak, bike and rollerblades as some of its prizes.

Jackson's table was My Secret Garden, which featured gardening prizes; James was Charlie's Goddesses, which featured pedicures, manicures and massages; and Pizzo's was Fired up for the Cure, which featured a fire pit, wine, candles and hot spicy foods for its prizes.

"There's one centerpiece valued at \$3,600," Pizzo said.

Volunteer firefighters from Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services were roaming the room selling packages of tickets to be used for prizes on various tables. There were also door and raffle prizes.

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■ JERICHO HOUSE

'This is a great asset to the community'

FROM PAGE 1

The hard work the two of them, plus Jericho House's board of directors and countless community volunteers, partners and groups, put into the project paid off as a blessing ceremony was held at the centre on Sunday.

"It was a long journey," Carrothers said as he opened up the blessing ceremony.

Jericho House is a place and ministry that focuses on young people and helps to nurture their sense of leadership, commitment to social and ecological justice and their awareness to spirituality. It also hosts leadership conferences and is open for use for community groups.

Jericho House began in Newfoundland in 1987, moved to Ontario in 1989 and into Niagara in 1997, when it was located in Welland.

Keefe said the centre has already hosted leadership conferences since the doors opened in February. Two of those conferences were put on by Niagara District Catholic School Board.

Wayne Badawey, chairman of Jericho House's board of directors, was glad to see the centre finally open after 12 years of hard work.

"A number of organizations have already used this facility and I am sure more will," he said.

Badawey said as the facility grows, it could use more volunteers to help out. Bishop Gerard Bergie, of the St. Catharines Roman Catholic diocese, said in such a busy world, a place like Jericho House was one where a person could come and be



Wayne Badawey, left, chair of Jericho House's board of directors, stands with Brother Bill Carrothers, a Christian Brother, Sister Jacques Keefe, of the Felician Sisters, and Bishop Gerard Bergie, of the St. Catharines Diocese, during a blessing ceremony at Jericho House last Sunday.

silent and listen to the voice of God.

The bishop thanked Carrothers and Keefe for making their vision a reality. He said the two surrounded themselves with like-minded individuals and looked to the larger community to make Jericho House come to fruition.

Speakers from the Felician

Sisters and Christian Brothers also commended the two for sticking with their dream over the years.

Architect Emilio Raimondo said it took three tries before Carrothers and Keefe could get the zoning changed to allow for the centre to be built in Wainfleet. The centre, on Rathfon Road, backs on to wetlands and a forest.

Wainfleet Mayor April Jeffs said she toured the centre earlier this year and congratulated all those involved in the project over the past 12 years.

"This is a great asset to the community and residents of Wainfleet. I am sure it will draw more people here," Jeffs said.

Mayor Vance Badawey, of Port Colborne, was also on hand for the blessing

ceremony.

Badawey co-chaired one of the fundraising drives for the centre and his father is the centre chairman. He said the centre would help people and the community come together.

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■ FUNDRAISER

Event raises \$8,400

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The three organizers said women from across Niagara came to take part in the event, which saw the table top part run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A lunch and the presentation of prizes took place from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Photographer Precious LaPlante was on hand taking photos of the groups of women who dressed up to match their table's theme. One group was dressed up as witches and called themselves the Coveners. Their table had a black magic theme.

The women said last year the Boggio family offered up a stay at their cottage as a grand prize. This year, Rex Harrison Jr., of Stones in Style, offered up a piece of etched glass as the top prize and a gift certificate to have a piece of glass or stone engraved.

Pizzo said the event raised \$8,400, \$1,000 of which was donated by Shana Ruch who raised the funds in honour of a friend of hers who died from cancer.

Up next for the women is a fundraising golf tournament July 10 at Emerald Pines Golf Course in Port Colborne, followed by the annual Country Walk for Breast Cancer in October.

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■ **ENTREPRENEUR DAY:** Lakeshore students develop their own products

Delicious learning idea comes with a side of cash

VICTORIA GRAY
InPort News Staff

PORTR COLBORNE — Money, it seems, talks to students.

The Grade 11 and 12 students at Lakeshore Catholic High School completing the entrepreneurship class were asked to create companies that could sell food. They had to create a business plan, market their idea and provide their own product.

Their results culminated in the school's annual Entrepreneurship Day last week.

"They don't even know they are learning, (but) they will remember this for the rest of their lives," said Grade 11 entrepreneurship teacher Stephanie Colangelo.

The profits gained during the day will help to determine students' grades.

"They pool their money together as a group and split the profits," she said. "It's good experience and it's lots

of fun for them."

Students sold such things as chicken wings and fried bananas. One student took this challenge to the next level.

Gautiano Letizia, 18, took his project, Dolce Bella, and turned it into Geatz Cakes. The company sells cannolis, cream puffs, cheese cakes and much more by order and also through Subs and Sweets on Dominion Rd. in Fort Erie.

"People are amazed, when they try them they always tell me the cannolis are the best they have ever had," Letizia said.

The idea and recipes came from Letizia's mom, who taught him how to bake. Now he does it all himself.

After teachers started ordering hundreds of dollars worth of his baked goods at a time, and he made \$1,500 in a week, he decided it was time to get serious.

"Nobody has an Italian bakery in the area, I thought I'd try something here," he said.

Originally from Montreal, he saw them everywhere.

"Eventually I'd like to start a bar and cafe so everyone can hang out and eat desserts," Letizia said.

He recently purchased a concession trailer and intends to sell his treats at every event in Niagara he can get to. He also delivers from Fort Erie to St. Catharines. To order you can call 905-651-9502 or search Facebook for Geatz Cakes.

Principal Danny DiLorenzo said Entrepreneur Day is a great way to take learning outside of the classroom.

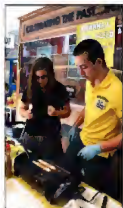
"I'm very proud of the students and the keen interest they displayed for the day," he said. "After sampling some of the products, they are very tasty and very high quality."

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VICTORIA GRAY Staff Photo
Lucas Teeff, left, Autumn Culp and Gautiano Letizia started Dolce Bella for Lakeshore Catholic High School's entrepreneurship day last Thursday. The company sold Italian baked goods including cannolis and cream puffs.



VICTORIA GRAY Staff Photo
Haley Bolibacher gives in to temptation and tries a fried banana with ice cream from Quinn Peressotti, who ran Bananas Gone Wild at Lakeshore Catholic High School's entrepreneurship day last week.



VICTORIA GRAY Staff Photo
Front from left: Austin Smith, Wesley Simpson, Jordan Csanadi and Jordan Danks. Back row from left: Nicholas Fortuin and John Dunham, who believed they had the most successful business at Lakeshore Catholic High School's entrepreneurship day on Thursday, Wings R Us made about \$220 in profit because the cafeteria doesn't sell wings; teens love them and it's all about the sauce, Simpson said.

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Development freeze not a popular choice

Wellandfest is one step closer to implementing a freeze on most development in the bowl water advisory area of the township.

The reason for the freeze, which would affect properties in the lakeshore area, is defined as everything south of the Gore Harry Trail to the shores of Lake Erie from Port Colborne to the Haldimand County border, is to allow the township time to implement a find, repair, replace program to take care of problems associated with faulty septic systems in the area.

It would be in place for one year, with the option of renewing it for another year.

The move is not a popular one however.

One resident was recently before council and said a freeze would derail his plans to rebuild the cottage. He said his plans would see the cottage, a tool shed, garage and a front porch, exceed the lot coverage allowed. Lot coverage means a certain area has to be set aside to allow for septic systems on a property to handle waste produced in a home. In Welland that figure is 7%.

While delaying the man's dream, he also said it's unfair to limit construction trades and other firms that rely on renovations and new builds to sustain them.

He also said it's unfair to those who put off renovations and new builds while the Big Pipe project was being looked into.

The township has said that any developments that meet current bylaws would be allowed under the interim bylaw.

We don't disagree that the interim bylaw will be a burden on those who have waited to build or renovate, but it is a necessary bylaw.

Years of bad policy and planning in the past allowed for summer cottages to be made into year-round homes and allowed for giant homes on relatively small pieces of property.

Homes and cottages that exceed the lot coverage allowed. Properties where septic systems were never changed to meet the increased size.

It's those septic systems, and falling ones from places that have never been changed, that have caused the problems with water in the lakeshore area.

Those problems need to be addressed and fixed before Wellandfest can allow any development along the lake.

The township also needs to be more rigid in its approach to homes along the lake. We all want a palace along the waterfront, but the size of the properties can't always allow for that.

Just because something has been allowed to take place in the past, doesn't mean it has to be now or in the future.

I'VE BEEN THINKING

PASTOR JEEVA SAM
Morgan's Point and Forks Road
East United Church

"Hey, idiot, didn't you realize that you were blocking the blankety-blank entrance?"

That's what the trucker shouted as he walked into the restaurant after parking his beast of burden between two spots away from my Buick.

It took me a moment to realize that his words were aimed at me.

You see, when I arrived two hours earlier, every single spot had been taken. Construction on the street and the parking lot left me with very few options. The woman who pulled in ahead of me parked right smack in the middle of the lot, leaving just enough room for cars on all sides to get by. I'd considered parking next to her, but didn't want to risk being called a bloodhead or worse.

So I chose this space which was wide enough for my car, even though the rear end did stick out a tad due to a small mound of gravel at the front end of the lot. In other words, it was the best I could do at the time. And, no, I did not realize I was blocking anyone.

Of course, by the time the trucker arrived, the other 42 drivers had already found the best spot and departed, leaving the lot virtually empty. He couldn't

understand why this "idiot" parked where he did.

Just as I was about to return the compliment [with language appropriate for a man of the cloth, of course], my mind raced back to an incident mentioned in Stephen Covey's book *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*.

One day on the subway, he was seated next to a man who seemed totally oblivious to his unruly children running around causing quite a commotion and irritating other passengers. In total exasperation, Covey suggested rather gruffly to the father that perhaps he should do something about his out-of-control offspring.

The father replied: "Oh, you're right. I guess I should do something about it. We just came from the hospital where their mother died about an hour ago. I don't know what to think, and I guess they don't know how to handle it either."

Once Covey was privy to this information, he began to see the man and his children in a different light. Anger gave way to sympathy and indignation turned to compassion.

These words of Jesus rang a bell too: "Stop judging by mere appearances, and you shall be judged" (John 7:24). Or as another translation puts it: "Look beneath the surface so you can judge correctly."

Easier said than done, though.

readers' views

It makes Enron and Bernie Madoff look like angels

I've been dumb enough to describe alternative energy schemes, based on the now infamous provincial Green Energy Act, as Ponzi schemes. Foolish of me as such money grabs depended on gullible investors looking for making a profit without having to do much, if anything, for it.

The Green Energy Act FIT program goes so far beyond that. It bypasses any individual investor and instead targets, in this case, a democratically elected, but totally incompetent provincial government, who for still unpunished and purely political reasons believe they can "save the planet".

To do this the supposed democratically elected government of Ontario are willing to spend billions of yet uncollected taxes, from your wind and mine taxes, to pursue an alternative wind and solar energy policy that worldwide, wherever it has been

tried, has proven to be economically unsustainable, and has delivered on not one single claim any alternative energy industry has promised.

You only need ask Denmark, the poster child for alternative energy, or Portugal, seeking a bailout from the EU because of a disastrous alternative energy policy, and soon to come Spain, waiting in the European bailout queue. Not far behind the U.K., only pursuing an already failing alternative energy policy because previous governments were dumb enough to sign actual treaties with the EU, treaties which, for no intelligent reason, wrongly plunge the U.K. further into bankruptcy, but which the current government, for reasons best known to themselves, are unwilling to withdraw from.

Here in Ontario we have a perfect example of how the alternative energy industries work and continue to maximise their tax payer driven profits.

Even the most powerful advocates of "green" and "power can't be stupid, can they?" They now know there is increasing pressure from them to have to prove their

case. In point. One Sunday morning in 1976, I had rushed back from church to make it just in time for lunch before the cafeteria at the student residence shut down. Suffice it to say I was the only one there in a suit.

As I sat down to eat, a scruffy-looking guy sporting a wrinkled short-sleeve shirt with bright pink flowers looked me over and said: "Where did you come from buddy, a funeral?" In a slightly self-righteous tone I retorted: "Well, if you knew anything about church, you'd realize exactly where I came from on a Sunday morning."

To my utter surprise, he replied: "Funny you should say that, because that's exactly where I came from," and promptly produced the bulletin from the service he had just attended. By now the rummy eyes on my plate had traced all the way to my face.

Countless violations of John 7:24 would follow in subsequent years ... sometimes with more serious consequences. I think I've grown wiser with every indiscretion. That is why I was able to curb the desire to tell the trucker where to park himself.

Actually, I really should thank him for the rummy eyes, since again to "stop judging by mere appearances" and "look beneath the surface" before proceeding to make a judgment.

You may wish to follow suit.

claims and they may even have to do so. So what now? Enter solar power.

Same misinformation, same shady deals. Only the solar FIT deals can only accelerate the inevitable economic collapse. These folk, so concerned with local public input, have been working for up to 5 or more years, sneaking into communities, finding gullible local contacts to sign behind closed door contracts, complete with gag orders, and now appear in public having already set their planning applications, based on the Green Energy Act, so making a mockery of showing any local concern. And guess what? You will find most alternative energy companies are now owned offshore. When wind and solar collapse, as they inevitably will, and as they have done worldwide, not only will your tax dollars disappear offshore, but the cleanup of their industrial waste will also come from your unborn kids' taxes. Welcome to the brave new world of "Green" insanity.

Andrew Watts
Wainfleet

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■ COLUMN

Buchanan finds her niche in storytelling

With summer just around the corner, this season's Roselawn Author's Series and Port Colborne Festival of the Arts came to a close this week. While some groups marked the end, Port Colborne students were busy trying out a fresh idea.

ROSELAWN READING

When author Cathy Marie Buchanan was looking for inspiration for her first novel, she had to look no further than her own backyard.

The Niagara Falls native used her hometown as the backdrop for her story, *The Day The Falls Stood Still*, which takes place in 1915 during the hydroelectric era.

Buchanan spoke of her

Lindsay Costello

LINDSAY'S LOOK AT PORT

experiences as a writer and the process she used for creating the plot during the Roselawn Author's Series on last Wednesday. Her presentation marked the final night of the season that also provided the sold-out crowd of 300 subscribers with a wine tasting and live music.

As part of her presentation Buchanan read an excerpt from the novel that is based on the experiences of famous river man William "Red" Hill. The chapter she chose to read highlighted the love story between her river man, who she named Tom Cole,

and the story's narrator, Bess. Buchanan also signed copies of her book following the presentation.

Buchanan has seen success following the novel's 2009 release and has had her novel published in Canada, The U.S., The United Kingdom and Italy. *The Day The Falls Stood Still* was also named a new York Times Best Seller.

Although she has had many accomplishments thus far she admits she wasn't always interested in story telling.

It wasn't until she attended creative writing classes in the years following her post-secondary education that she began to see the joy of writing.

"Right from the very first

class, I was smitten," she said.

She had sent a collection of short stories to publishers before trying her hand at writing a full novel and consulted librarians, archivists, historians and curators who aided her in blending the facts with the imaginary world she built around them.

Buchanan is at work on her second novel. For more on her and her work, visit www.cathymariebuchanan.com.

The Roselawn Author's Series will continue this

fall where seven new authors will visit the theatre throughout the 2011-2012 season.

FLASH MOB FRENZY

Might as well jump. Port Colborne students infiltrated the market square on Friday morning, surprising onlookers with a song and dance routine. Port Colborne High School students, along with classes from McKay, Steele Street and Dewitt Carter, performed their rendition of Van Halen's *Jump* for a crowd of unsuspecting shoppers.

The idea came in February when the school was brainstorming ways to integrate feeder school students into its school community. Teacher Amy Converse suggested a flash mob and because the flash mob had already been working on the song, the plan went into motion.

While the choreography was taught beginning in April, the group of about 140 students only had one run through as a unit before heading over to the market.

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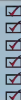
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Sandy White

■ COSTELLO

Festival not only about the arts, but also education

FROM PAGE 5

Music teacher Derrick Stickney said while it was hard to be inconspicuous with such a large group of students in a fairly small space, he thought most people were surprised. Aside from the logistical challenges of orchestrating so many bodies, he thought the performance went well.

"I think the people in the market really enjoyed it," said Grade 11 student Kaitlyn Lander who choreographed the dance portion of the performance and was one of the soloists. She said it was a challenge to come up with moves that looked interesting but were easy enough to teach.

"It was better than I expected it to be," said Grade 12 student Katie Robinson who was also a soloist, adding it was louder and more dramatic than she had anticipated.

Videos of the performances were uploaded to YouTube immediately following the performance and can be found by searching Port Colborne High School's page. Although these clips have already garnered over 500 views, the school is in the process of putting



Isbella Daneyko, who won a scholarship for highest mark in jazz classes, performed her piano solo of *Just Struttin'* along during the Port Colborne Festival of the Arts Showcase on May 28.

together an edited version to show the routine from all angles.

SHINING SHOWCASE

The Port Colborne

Festival of the Arts showcase brought this year's festival to a close on Saturday evening

as scholarship winners shared the spotlight one last time.

For 24 years, the Port Colborne Festival of the Arts has continued to grow with an increased number of performance days and venues. The five locations this year, the 10-day festival housed the city's finest vocal, instrumental and dance talent.

Sheila Brown, festival chair, said the showcase was originally planned for all gold medal winners but as the festival expanded, the night had to be limited to include only scholarship recipients.

The showcase saw 35 performers taking the stage prior to the award presentation that concluded the two-hour event.

With a total of 75 scholarships awarded in 2011, the festival is not only about the arts, but also about education.

Among the awarded scholarships were top honours of most outstanding performer in piano classes and most outstanding performer in vocal classes, which were awarded to Brian Barber and Rachel Bruch respectively. Bruch also won a \$1,000 scholarship as a student pursuing a major in fine arts at a post-secondary school in the fall.

Brown said she feels the arts are important; adding the festival offering scholarships is beneficial to participants.

"It helps them in school, their learning and their confidence," she said.

If you know of a community event you would like to see featured in this column, please e-mail your ideas to linascycostello@hotmail.com

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Q. What are the advantages of a soft liner?

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■ BUSINESS: The Gathering Nest opens up shop



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Mayor Vance Badawey, left, and Regional Coun. David Barrick, right, congratulate Debby and Tom Harrietha on the opening of The Gathering Nest, at 6 Clarence St. in Port Colborne, on Friday morning. The store takes higher-end clothing on consignment and sells gifts and mixed-media art supplies. The store is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

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■ **BYLAW:** Final vote on June 14

Development freeze gets the cold shoulder

DAVE JOHNSON
InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET — A proposed interim bylaw to freeze most development in Wainfleet's

boil water advisory area passed its first and second readings last week without any debate from aldermen.

Wainfleet is looking to implement a find, repair,

replace program to take care of problems associated with faulty septic systems along the lakeshore area after rejecting Niagara Region's so-called Big Pipe option. The Big Pipe could

have seen a water-sewer pipeline installed along the length of the lakeshore area, which is defined as everything south of the Gord Harry Trail to the shores of Lake Erie from Port

Colborne to the Haldimand County border.

Any developments that meet current bylaws would be allowed under the interim bylaw. But the bylaw, which will be read a third time on June 14, didn't sit well with at least one Wainfleet property owner.

Don Dussault owns a cottage on Lakeshore Rd. and said the proposal caught him by surprise when he read it in The Tribune two weeks ago.

"I have some concerns," he told council. "My wife and I have owned property in Wainfleet for more than 25 years. This is the third cottage we've owned."

Dussault said the Long Beach property where his cottage is located is just what he and his wife were looking for and they plan to make it their retirement home.

As it sits now, the cottage, he said, is not in the best of shape and is not winterized.

"We bought this to be our dream home," he said, adding the couple were set to renovate and expand the cottage in 2012. They've already hired an architect and surveyor.

What's causing their concern is part of the bylaw that won't allow any for any new builds or renovations that cause a property to exceed the 7% lot coverage allowed under the township's existing bylaws. Lot coverage means a certain area has to be set aside to allow for septic systems on a property to handle waste produced in a home.

"We had a preliminary review... we'd meet all requirements, but can't can meet the

7% lot coverage," Dussault said.

He said assuming council passes the bylaw on June 14, it would at least 18 months before he could begin to build and up to 30 months if council chooses to extend the bylaw another year.

"I don't think it's fair or reasonable to delay our dream to build our dream home. We have paid taxes here for the last 25 years and I've never complained about anything."

Dussault feels the bylaw is unfair and said it surely must impact more people than just him. He said with people along the lakeshore putting off plans to do work due to the Big Pipe talk, those plans may be put off even more now.

"It's (the bylaw) another potential holdup and not fair to the (construction) trades, suppliers and other businesses. I'm opposed to this bylaw."

Dussault said he's had no problems with his septic system and would be fully prepared to deal with any issues around it. His cottage and shed on the property are now 1,050 square feet; the new one would be 1,500 square feet.

"The lot coverage would be around 16%, which seems high, but I want to keep the shed, have a detached garage and a porch on the road side," he said when questioned.

Mayor April Jeffs said the township has received a few letters in opposition to the proposed interim bylaw, but they came too late to be put in council's Tuesday night agenda package. She said the letters will be on the June 14 agenda.



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2. Prepare potatoes. Boil potatoes until they will break apart with a fork. Mash with butter, milk & pepper. Blend egg into potatoes. Spoon potatoes in 6 rounds on top of pork mixture.

3. Bake, uncovered at 350 degrees F for 25 minutes. Sprinkle with shredded cheese, return to oven till cheese melts, about 5 minutes longer. Makes 6 servings

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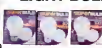
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■ **HISTORY:** Students using ground-penetrating radar in Shisler Cemetery

Searching for unmarked graves in Sherkston

DAVE JOHNSON
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Inside Sherkston Shores sits a cemetery with a few headstones, some above ground, some fallen down and half-buried in the grass and ground.

Names found on the headstones — Shisler, Ecker, Wyde, Cunningham — are from some of the families that founded the Sherkston area and names that are still around today.

Some of those names hold special meaning for Kristina Domenicucci.

"I have five relatives here, Ecker, Wyde and Cunningham," said Domenicucci from inside the fenced Shisler Cemetery,

which sits behind a campground on the south of the side quarry inside the resort.

Domenicucci became interested in the cemetery when she started doing her family tree and found the names of her ancestors that were buried there.

While she knows where her relatives are, Domenicucci is hoping the work of two Niagara College geographic information systems (GIS) program post-grad students can help her locate any unmarked graves.

As of Thursday, Lisa Krizmanic and Vanessa Magnifico had flagged 100 disturbances in the ground both inside the cemetery and just outside the fence which surrounds it.

The two post-grad stu-

dents, working on their thesis, were using ground-penetrating radar to sweep the grounds and marking each location of a disturbance with flags and inputting the location into a portable GPS unit.

Krizmanic and Magnifico said Domenicucci approached the program's co-ordinator about the project and the two submitted their resumes for it. They were chosen by Domenicucci and started to work on the project in November.

"We were here about a month ago for two days," said Krizmanic.

She said the two spent four days this past week at the cemetery using the ground-penetrating radar unit, provided by the college

thanks to thesis adviser Ian Smith. The unit looks like a lawnmower and can penetrate three metres into the ground.

The machine sends a signal into the earth and an image is played back on a screen on the machine, said Magnifico.

"You can tell the difference between rocks and pipes, they're more peaked shape (on the screen) and any potential unmarked graves would be curved," she said.

Magnifico said any location that had a disturbance was marked.

Krizmanic said the two were sure what they found were unmarked graves or not.

All of the data collected would be compared with what they found a month ago as well. It would all be analyzed by computer.

"We'll show it to the client (Domenicucci)," said Magnifico.

Domenicucci said the goal of the project is to help get the cemetery declared a heritage site and have it protected. Abram Shisler, an original settler to the area, owned the land around what is now the resort and started the quarry is buried in the cemetery and set land aside for it.

She said the City of Port Colborne public works department, Niagara Peninsula Conservation



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

Niagara College geographic information systems program post-grad students Lisa Krizmanic, left, and Vanessa Magnifico use a ground-penetrating radar unit near a headstone at Shisler Cemetery in Port Colborne. The two were looking for unmarked graves at the cemetery which sits inside Sherkston Shores resort.

Authority, a history class at Lakeshore Catholic High School and Heritage Port Colborne have all helped out at the site, clearing trees, shrubs and dirt and conducting research.

Since Krizmanic and Magnifico started surveying the site, Domenicucci said residents from the resort have stopped in to see what's going on and shared information.

Domenicucci is hoping someone in the community has photographs of the cemetery from when the head-

stones were more visible, or any other information on who may have been buried there.

Anyone with information on the cemetery can contact Domenicucci at 905-894-1618 or Bill Wilhelm at b.wilhelm@sympatico.ca

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A headstone, with the name Ecker on it, was uncovered at Shisler Cemetery which sits inside Sherkston Shores resort. Two Niagara College Geographic Information Systems (GIS) program post-grad students are using a ground-penetrating radar unit to look for unmarked graves.

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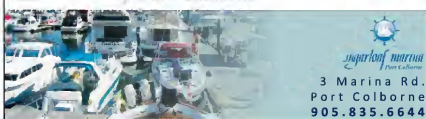
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